

## THE DEMING GRAPHIC

DEMING, - - NEW MEXICO.

Good clothes and impudence often pass for riches and education.

The fashionable sleeves this year look like those a little girl cuts for her first doll.

Mr. Carnegie gave away \$2,100,000 and then went to Europe. Few of us could do that.

In former days school teachers occasionally struck; now it is the school children who strike.

Sir Henry Irving has appeared in London as Dante. It must have been a cheerful performance.

Thirty circus elephants marched in single file over the Brooklyn bridge. And the bridge is still there.

The New York Ledger was sold for a sum less than it used to pay Sylvanus Cobb for a single story.

Prosperity has been good to the Indians. It has given them money faster than their white brothers can steal it.

Count Speck Von Sternberg and his wife will spend the summer at Dublin, N. H. Is the count after the Irish vote?

The example of J. B. Ford of Pennsylvania, penniless at 70 and a millionaire at 91, shows that nobody is too old to earn.

The people of Somaliland may not have read the papers. Somebody ought to tell them what happened to the Boers.

Reggie Vanderbilt succeeded in cornering the market on lilies, but under the law he can only claim one American beauty.

A Chicago man traveled 14,000 miles and spent \$5,000 for the purpose of winning a \$20 bet. Some people are very hard losers.

Diaz is nearly seventy-three, and has begun to feel the weight of his years. It will be a sorry day for Mexico when he lets go.

It cannot be denied that the Russian policy of taking what you want and asking for it afterward has its own peculiar advantages.

Denmark has positively refused to sell the West Indian islands. This will give Uncle Sam \$5,000,000 more to spend on the canal.

"Why," asks an exchange, "does a tree on a hillside grow straight up?" Never mind that. Why does a pigeon bob its head when it walks.

It was an old maid, of course, who said that marriage is the Siberia of womanhood. And very likely she would be glad to go to Siberia if she could.

Pat Crowe is circulating through Missouri. Perhaps he is responsible for the flood of \$1,000 bills that is causing the legislature so much uneasiness.

Terry McGovern is still talking about "licking" Young Corbett. But Terry should be convinced by this time that the Denver boy is not postage stamp.

The paragraph now in circulation declaring that eating large quantities of common salt will cure or prevent cancer may have been originated by the salt trust.

The suburban backyard farmer may be personally interested to know that a man turns 112,000 spadefuls of earth in digging an acre, and moves in all a weight of 850 tons.

Gen. Sierra, ex-president of Honduras, was killed by a detachment of troops sent in pursuit of him by Gen. Borilla. Ungrateful as this republic is, it doesn't treat its ex-presidents like that.

Mrs. Burdick has her \$25,000, but even that will hardly make her forget that some of the papers were mean enough to say at the time of the inquest that she was homely and looked her years.

It appears that a large percentage of the American people are still interested in professional baseball. The great beauty of baseball is that a lazy man can thoroughly enjoy it without exercising a bit.

We are glad to see that the Amalgamated Poultry association has decided that one egg per day per hen is enough. A hen that would lay two eggs per day is simply throwing some other hen out of a job.

## THE MEN IN LINE.

Figures Show Immense Amount of Soldiers Under Arms.

The land forces alone of Europe number "on the war footing" 25,000,000 men. Even Spain has an army larger than our own.

Standing side by side 25,000,000 men would make a continuous line from Calais across Europe and Asia to Berlin strait.

Parading up Broadway at the usual pace, infantry in files of twenty, cavalry ten abreast and field guns two abreast, this force would pass the city hall in about seven and a half months, parading eight hours a day, Sundays excepted.

On the continent soldiers are carried standing in fourth-class cars containing forty men each. Very small freight cars we should call them. To mobilize these men at once would take 625,000 such cars in about 50,000 trains. At a mile headway the trains would reach twice around the world.—New York World.

## SPIRIT OF SLAVIC WOMEN.

Their Love of Liberty Being Evincing In Many Ways.

The Slavic women of Europe are just now occupying much attention by the part they are taking in national affairs. The University of St. Petersburg was closed because of the troubles of women medical students who objected to the severity of the examinations. Now comes the report that the Prussian government has arrested a large number of Polish women in Gnesen, charging them with conspiracy. In that city was a large women's club, formed for the purpose of studying Polish literature and history. The police have discovered, or think they have discovered, that the club is really but a cloak for political intrigue which threatened much harm to Prussian interests.

## Enthralled the Congregation.

It is related that a stranger once entered a cathedral in Sicily and begged to be allowed to try the organ, which was new and a very fine instrument that even the organist did not understand. With some reluctance the organist allowed the stranger to play, and soon the cathedral was filled with sounds that its walls had never heard before. As the stranger played, pulling out stops never before combined, and working slowly up to the full organ, the cathedral filled, and it was not until a large congregation had wondered at his gift that the stranger told his name. He was Dom Lorenzo Perosi, the young priest composer, whose latest oratorio, "Leo," was recently performed at the Vatican during the celebration of the Pope's jubilee.

## A Question of Identity.

Thompson and Rogers, two married men, wandering home late one night, stopped at what Thompson supposed to be his residence, but which Rogers insisted was his own house. Thompson rang the bell lustily; soon a window was opened and a lady inquired what was wanted. "Madam," inquired Mr. Thompson, "isn't this Mr. T. Thompson's house?" "No," replied the lady, "this is the residence of Mr. Rogers." "Well," exclaimed Thompson, "Mrs. Rogers, won't you just step down to the door and pick out Rogers, for Thompson wants to go home."

## Weather Signs.

The color of the sky at particular times affords a wonderfully good guide to the weather to be expected within the coming twenty-four hours. Not only does a rosy sunset presage good weather and a ruddy sunset bad weather, but a bright yellow sky in the evening indicates wind; a pale yellow, rain. If in the morning the sky is of a neutral gray color, the indications for a good day may be considered favorable. Generally speaking, it may be said that any deep or unusual hue in summer betokens either wind or rain.

## Descendant of Robert Burns.

The only direct descendant of Robert Burns is a clerk in a Chicago shipping office. He is Robert Burns Hutchinson, and his descent from the poet is unquestioned. His mother, Sarah Burns, was a daughter of Lieutenant Colonel James Glencairn Burns, the third son of Robert Burns and Jean Armour. Mr. Hutchinson will be 45 this year. He was born at Cheltenham, but crossed the water in 1891, when he married Miss Mabel Burnand. Their little daughter, Dorothea Burns Hutchinson, is the next in the straight line from the poet.

## A Recipe for Jokes.

Mother is a writer of jokes, being very successful in disposing of those in which her own children pose as the heroes. One day a literary friend, who is a wife but not a mother, said to her: "I wish I could write jokes that would find a market as readily as do yours!" Up spoke the hero of most of mother's witticisms. "I'll tell you how, Mrs. Sims: You get some children, paper, envelopes, stamps, and ask your husband to buy a type-writer! That's all that mamma did!"

## HOW HE MIGHT LOSE.

Millionaire Could Not See Why He Should Buy Burial Lot.

Not long ago a prominent financier, whose most prominent characteristic, according to the popular opinion, is close-fistedness, was the recipient of a visit from an agent whose line it is to solicit orders for burial lots.

On emerging from the private office of the moneyed man the agent was met by a colleague who had been waiting for him, and who inquired anxiously as to the success of his interview.

The agent shook his head regretfully. "No go," said he; "he was afraid he might not get the full value of his investment."

"What could he mean by saying that? Confound it, a man must die some time, even though he is a millionaire."

"That's what I told him," replied the agent, "but he only answered, 'Suppose I should be lost at sea?'"

## SWISS PASTORS KEEP INNS.

Are Forced Thus to Supplement Their Scanty Incomes.

A note from Geneva states that a fortnight or so ago a Swiss pastor bought an inn at Uffhusen, a little village near Basel. This is said not to be an exceptional case. In the cantons of Upper and Lower Unterwalden and Uri many of the clergy are proprietors of inns. The reason for this is that the priests are so badly paid that they are obliged to supplement their incomes by other means. Their average income in Switzerland is \$125 a year. The establishments under their control are said to be models of their kind. The priests have succeeded in reducing drunkenness in their parishes, for they attend on their customers in person, refusing to serve those who they consider have had enough.

## "The Author Of—"

"Have you noticed," said the tall girl, "that in several new books the writer is described as 'the author of—' and then follows a list of books beginning with the one immediately preceding the present production and running back to the earliest period? I have in mind now the case of Mrs. Ward in particular. 'Lady Rose's Daughter' is by the author of 'Eleanor,' 'Tressady' and 'Robert Elsemere.' A year or so ago the previous books have been enumerated in chronological order, 'Elsemere' heading the list 'Eleanor' ending it. I wonder if that way of putting the cart before the horse is a fad among publishers these days, or is it merely a coincidence that I have noticed several cases of the kind within the last few weeks?"

## Coroner's Jury's Qualified Verdict.

During the landlord and tenant disturbance in Ireland some years ago a certain property owner was discovered lying dead near a village of which he was owner. The coroner's jury, knowing full well that the man had been shot down by "the boys," were nevertheless loath to further investigate; therefore they rendered the following verdict: "We find the deceased gentleman died by the visitation of God—under suspicious circumstances." — Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## Faking Used Stamps.

Rogues in this country are generally about as artful as we desire them to be, but evidently they have something to learn yet from the heathen Chinese. In West Java Ah Sin manages to cheat the postoffice very ingeniously. On sticking a new stamp on an envelope he smears the stamp on the face with paste or a thin glue. This takes the impression of the defacing stamp at the postoffice, and can easily be washed off, so that the stamp is once more serviceable.

## Bits About the Moon.

If there were a "man in the moon" the earth would look sixty-four times larger to him than the sun does to us on earth. The surface area of the moon is about as great as that of Asia and Australia combined. Once in twelve and a half years there is a "moonless month;" that is, the moon has no full moon. The last moonless month fell in 1898 and the next one will fall in 1911.

## Amethysts in High Favor.

Amethysts are in high favor. Sometimes they are set in gold, but oftener in gun metal. They are seen as sash pins, belt buckles, long chains, as well as in the tops of purses and wrist bags. One young woman is the envy of her associates by reason of a superb heart-shaped locket composed of a single deep hearted amethyst which she wears dangling from a gold snake chain.

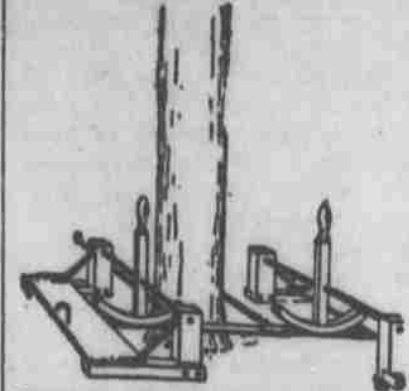
## Consequences.

Once on a time a Prudent Girl met a Frivolous Girl. "Don't you know, my dear," she said, "that if you continue wearing a veil that you will spoil your eyesight?" "I saw that in a medical journal," replied the Frivolous Girl, "and I would have followed its advice only I happened to read in my Beauty Book that if I didn't wear a veil I would spoil my complexion."

# POPULAR SCIENCE

## Machine for Cutting Timber.

The usual method of felling trees in large forests involves the use of the ax and saw in conjunction and the woodsman is more than likely to choose the most comfortable height to begin his work. This, as is well known, means the loss of several feet of the best portion of the log, and as timber grows more scarce, complaint of this waste is sure to be made. If it had no other purpose than the saving of this lumber, the apparatus here shown would



Prevents a Large Waste of Lumber. have much to recommend its use, but it is also recommended as a time saver. It consists of two platforms, placed as shown, with pivoted handles rocking back and forth to oscillate the saw blade. To feed the blade into the tree a coiled spring is secured to either end of the saw, with the opposite ends attached to stakes driven in the ground on the opposite side of the tree, exerting a constant pull as the blade slides back and forth.

## Work of the Hydrographic Office.

The chief of the United States Hydrographic office has lately printed in the National Geographic Magazine an account of the important bureau under his charge. There are now in its possession nearly 1,200 engraved chart-plates and about fifty photographic plates, which have been constructed from original naval surveys from data reported by naval officers and from the cartographical information derived from the surveys of other countries. These charts represent only a third of the number necessary for a complete set of navigation charts of the world for the use of the naval and shipping interests of the United States. Much remains to be done before a perfect set of charts can be constructed and after such a set is once obtained constant revisions are necessary. All the great naval powers, and particularly England, are engaged in making original surveys and revisions, and it is by co-operation in such work that practical completeness is attained. If a hydrographic office chart is not at hand one can usually find a chart issued by the British admiralty that will cover the desired field. Each country strives, first of all, to make charts of its own waters, and now that the Philippines and Porto Rico are American, our navy is likely to find its work cut out for it for some time to come. The United States Coast Survey takes care of the charts of the principal ports and by a good system of co-operation with the navy rapid progress is assured.

## Cushioned Gunstock.

Those who are accustomed to hunting with the shotgun know by experience the force of the recoil occasioned by the discharge of one of the shells, and many a boy, forgetting to hold the gun tight to his shoulder, has felt the gun "kick" with no small degree of force. An Ohio inventor has produced a cushioned gunstock which he believes will considerably lessen (and perhaps entirely remove) the shock of the discharge. The idea, as will be seen by an examination of the two drawings, consists in forming the



Recoil Spring in Telescoping Butt. stock in two separate parts, with a metallic telescoping arrangement covering the outer surface and a strong spring mounted internally. It is easy to understand how the jar of the explosion will be absorbed by this spring as the forward portion of the stock is driven back on the latter when the gun is fired.

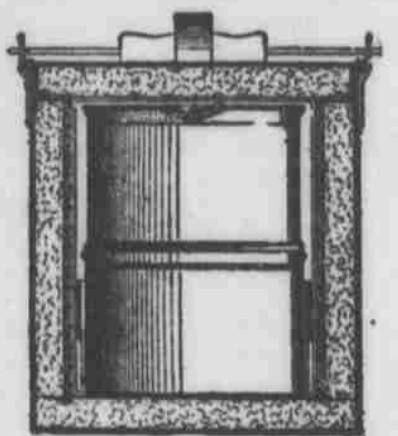
## New Automatic Contrivance.

Among the new contrivances, says Hardware (London), is an automatic telegram and letter delivery machine, which has received the sanction of the postoffice, and which should be of considerable use to a variety of people at large railway stations. If two persons have an appointment, and

one of them is unable to keep it, a telegram or letter can be dispatched to one of the machines addressed to the persons required intimating the fact. The dispatch is deposited in the machine, and the person to whom the letter or telegram has been addressed can, by placing a penny in the slot and pressing a knob, obtain the message. There is a new machine which supplies paper, envelope and pencil, and an umbrella can be obtained from another for two shillings. An automatic domestic and general advertisement can be exhibited for a day for a small sum, is also to be placed before the public; and a new departure is to be seen in the automatic penny bank. The deposit of a penny secures a receipt, half of which can be placed in the machine with the penny after the depositor has written name and address on it. Other machines have been constructed for delivering tobacco, grocery, oilman's stores, chemist's stores, toilet requisites, haberdashery, hosiery and stationery.

## Impervious to Heat or Cold.

The man who carries his lunch with him day after day often finds portions of the food too cold in winter and too warm in summer to be palatable, as the ordinary dinner pail affords free transmission of the heat or cold of the surrounding atmosphere to the eatables within. Now a New Yorker has produced a dinner pail which he believes will prove a boon to the workman. It is claimed that this pail will maintain the temperature of the interior at a fixed degree for several



Dinner Pail with Non-Conducting Lining.

hours, simply because the pail is lined with non-conducting material on all sides. The pail is so constructed that a warm lunch placed in it in the morning will not cool very perceptibly by the time the dinner hour arrives, and thus the workman may not only have food of an agreeable temperature but of a pleasant taste as well. The essential feature of the invention is the lining, which is of felt-like structure, and surrounded by a network of wire, permitting its instant removal from the pail, when the latter is to be washed or used for some other purpose.

## "Wool" from Turf Fibres.

The ingenious Germans, says the Kobe Herald, are now making "wool" from turf fibres. It is said that recent improvements in the process of treating turf fibres have resulted in the production of a soft material, which can be spun as readily as the wool of the sheep, and which, besides possessing excellent absorption properties, is capable of being bleached and colored for use in the many different textile industries. Duesseldorf is the centre of this new industry and in that city cloth hats, rugs and many other things are being manufactured from turf fibre. The discovery, it is asserted, opens up the prospect of a new industry for Ireland.

## Telephone and Rural Free Delivery.

In the postoffice appropriation bill there is an item providing \$23,000 to be used in demonstrating whether the telephone can be made a useful adjunct to the rural free delivery. The idea is to facilitate the delivery of letters carrying special delivery stamps by having the postmaster, when he receives such letters, call up the farmer to whom they are addressed and tell him about it. Then, if the farmer gives his consent the postmaster can, without conflicting with postal regulations, open the letter and read its contents to the person at the other end of the wire.

## Great Britain's Coal Supply.

According to an English expert, the supply of coal yet remaining to be mined in the United Kingdom amounts to 80,684,000,000 tons, which, at the present rate of mining, would last 370 years. The same authority gives the total output of the world in 1900 as 767,636,304 tons of which Great Britain produced 229,000,000 tons, or 30 per cent, and the United States 245,000,000 tons, leaving a balance of about 35 per cent for the rest of the world.